



Grapevine

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch

American Association of University Women

October 2008



Join and Hear

Roberta Lynch

Speak on the Topic:

A Practical Perspective on the Impact of Immigration on Education

Saturday, October 4

2 to 4 pm

Saratoga Library

Light refreshments served

Roberta began her teaching career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa. While there she taught English as a Foreign Language in a village secondary school. After her two years of Peace Corps service, she went to New York City where she earned her MA in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Teachers College, Columbia University. She taught in

New York City for 12 years at various community colleges and Sarah J. Hale High School. When she returned to California, she taught ESL (English as a Second Language) at San Jose High Academy for 9 years and is currently teaching at Prospect High School and serving as the ELD (English Language Development) Department Chair. She speaks French and some Spanish.

This year, Miss Lynch has a case

load of sixty students. They come from Mexico, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Venezuela, India, Somalia, Ethiopia, Philippines, and Burma. That represents ten different native languages, but Ms. Lynch conducts all her classes in English. Ms. Lynch will illustrate the problems by telling us the real life stories of her students in the everyday context of local school life. After her talk, there will be time for questions.

Message From the President

Last October when AAUW's Public Policy Director spoke here she said it was gratifying to her that when she went to talk to legislative representatives they listened to her. Since she represents the American Association of University Women, they know she has an influential effective group of educated women supporting her.

One of the reasons AAUW commands the respect it does is because of the research we do. To learn about it, you can go to our website: www.AAUW.org then click on Research.

AAUW Research Reports

In 1885, a group of AAUW members conducted a survey that debunked the popular theory that higher education was bad for women's health. That first study established AAUW's commitment to cutting-edge research relevant to the struggle for gender equity in school and in society.

Today, AAUW conducts groundbreaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace; influences policy-makers as well as educators, parents, and students; and, most importantly, serves as a catalyst for action. Recent reports address topics such as the pay gap between men and women, economic security of older women, sexual harassment on college campuses, and gender equity in science and engineering education.

As part of AAUW's philanthropic mission, most reports are available in PDF form for free download. You can also purchase the published versions of research reports at ShopAAUW.

Some of the reports that especially interested me are:

Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education (2008) (The report presents a comprehensive look at girls' educational achievement during the past 35 years, paying special attention to the relationship between girls' and boys' progress.

Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings (2008) (While educational gains for women are often credited with helping to shrink the gender gap in earnings, this interactive online report reveals that women with four-year degrees typically earn 76 cents for every \$1 that their male counterparts earn.

Behind the Pay Gap (2007) (New research released by AAUW shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

These research topics are important to our understanding of what educated women have to deal with in their lives, careers and schooling. I'm proud that my dues help produce this kind of research. I hope you are too.

Margaret Bard

Membership Drive

Our memberships committee headed by Lydia Norcia and Barbara Oggerino will be starting our membership drive for new members this month.

We will be attending the candidate's forums starting on September 9th and we will also attend our AAUW September opening event for this year. AAUW brochures and materials will be on hand for all guests who attend these functions.

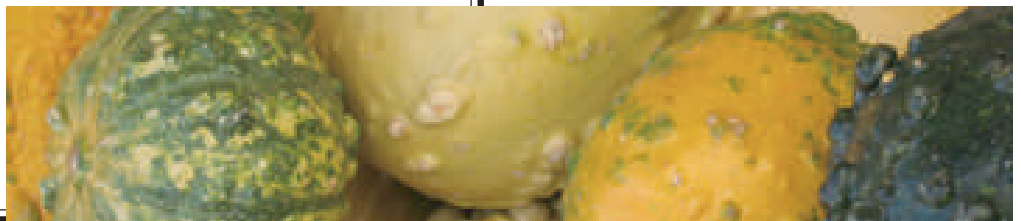
Please see the ad on the back cover for the two New Membership Open House Events.

All AAUW Activity Events Chairs are welcome to attend to share the information regarding your particular projects and activities. We ask all our members to join us in our effort to get new members. Please invite your eligible family, friends, neighbors and associates at work, church, and other organizations to attend one of the Open House events. This will be a wonderful way for them to learn more about the value of belonging to the American Association of University Women.

Invite them to join a strong network of educated women whose efforts make a difference in the lives of young girls and women in our community and the world.

If you have an interest in joining our effort please contact Lydia Norcia at

408-757-6336 or
lnorcia@interorealestate.com also
 Barbara Oggerino at
 408-354-5394 or
oggerinobarb@aol.com.



What Is Great Decisions?

Do you want to obtain some great new insight on foreign policy issues and cultivate some new friendships at the same time? Joining one of the upcoming Great Decisions-2009 study groups is a very good way to do both.

When you participate in the Great Decisions program you are provided a booklet which contains articles on each of the year's eight topics as well as references for background material which enable you to do additional research if you'd like. You also may want to volunteer to lead one of the sessions covering one of the topics. Whether you serve as a leader or just a participant, the materials give you the background needed to prepare for the meeting.

We start each meeting by viewing a short DVD consisting of an interview of two or more experts responding to questions which highlight the pros and cons of each issue. Then the fun begins as the volunteer leader, a different one for each session, facilitates discussions using questions from the booklet as well as many of our own. The discussions are often quite lively and we find this to be a great way to get to know each other. We think you will agree. Please sign up to join us.

Join Great Decisions

Those of you who are interested in participating in Great Decisions, 2009 must sign up not later than the end of November. Although the Great Decisions study groups will not start meeting until February 5, 2009, all those who want to participate must sign up and pay the registration fee not later than November 30, 2008, so that the study books and DVDs can be

ordered and be available before the start of the first class. The registration fee is \$25 per individual and \$35 for couples who share a workbook. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Apartment # 6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. It is important that you note on your check in which of the three groups listed below you wish to participate.

Great Decisions is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters (LWV), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC), and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC). Three separate groupings will again be formed and meet as follows: (Group 1) eight bi-weekly sessions held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the SASCC; (Group 2) weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the SRC; and (Group 3) weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the SRC. The first study session for each group will begin on February 5, 2009. An administrative meeting, for Group 1 participants only, will be held on January 29, in the SASCC classroom as in previous years.

Great Decisions is a creation of the FPA and has been described in a LWV press release as a "national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization founded to educate Americans about significant international issues that influence our lives." Each year the FPA produces an objective Great Decisions publication covering eight topics with an associated DVD segment for each topic. These materials provide a common background of knowledge to

facilitate each participant's involvement in group discussions. The topics for 2009 are expected to be: Afghanistan; Human Rights; The United States and Egypt; Global Food Supply; Cuba after Castro; The United States and Rising Global Powers; Energy and the Global Economy; and, The Arctic.

"Over the past 50 years, EF has been breaking through barriers for women and girls."

Support Education Foundation Goals

This year the AAUW Educational Foundation celebrates its Golden Anniversary! Over the past 50 years, EF has been breaking through barriers for women and girls. The scholarships, Eleanor Roosevelt Research Fund grants, and community action grants are hallmarks of EF and represent one of the largest funding sources in the world for women pursuing post-graduate work. Landmark studies resulting in publications such as "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America" are supported by EF funding.

Soon you will be receiving a letter from me asking you to contribute to the Educational Foundation and its goals. Our branch members have always been very generous to EF and I thank you for your continued support. As you probably know, none of your dues money is used to support EF – it all comes as tax-deductible contributions from members like you. Thank you.

Louise Quenon
EF- VP

AAUW HIKES AND WALKS 2008-2009

*EVERY SECOND and FOURTH THURSDAY AS LISTED HERE AND IN THE GRAPEVINE
STARTING TIME IS 9 AM! PROMPTLY!*

Be on time because we don't wait!

There is no need to call unless you have an urgent question. Kay Duffy 867-0508 & Jane Bishop 356-7796
Rain or shine, hot or cold we go! (Wet-weather days will alter scheduled hikes to nearby and shorter.)

- Return 2 to 4 pm - more or less - depending on distance and additional activities
- Distance 5-7 miles. You are welcome to come along and hike a shorter distance, *but you must have a buddy that will walk with you at your speed.*
- *Waffle-soled hiking shoes or boots* are strongly recommended. Always have something warm to wear, just in case. Don't forget **water, lunch**, sun cream, hat, nature guides, maps, walking stick, *park passes*, etc.

MEETING/CARPOOLING LOCATIONS *Drivers receive a donation of 10 cents/mile/passenger.*

IN LOS GATOS – “FREE UNLIMITED PARKING” lot (former RR right of way).

Coming from the north on Saratoga Avenue, turn left on Santa Cruz Avenue. Very shortly, turn right into the parking lot just past the “Los Gatos Shopping Center” sign. Drive back to the back of Starbucks and drop down to the lot. We meet right there!

- Coming from the south on Saratoga Avenue, turn right into lot *between* University and Santa Cruz and drive back to the meeting location behind Starbucks coffee.

IN SARATOGA - Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road 1 1/4 miles north of the Village.
Park in front of Longs Drug Store, but way out front away from the shops and realty office.

BACK BY NOON HIKES - 4th Thursday of the month

With *no announcements* or advance planning, we will do a nearby, quick exercise on the local trails or through town and get back by noon. (When Thanksgiving falls on this day, we will go the next day - on Friday.) Promptly at 9am, **NOVEMBER THROUGH MAY** in Saratoga & **JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER** in Los Gatos.

CLEAN UP DAYS - an extra couple of AM hours every couple months on Thursday—Check the schedule below. This is the day we clean-up the section of the Los Gatos Creek Trail that our AAUW Branch has adopted. After cleaning up and clipping, we may hike some more (back by noon). After that coffee or lunch at a Los Gatos restaurant is an option. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers are provided. Meet promptly at 9:00am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. Questions? Call Sue Boyd 354-9083 or Kay or Jane

BELOW IS OUR PROBABLE HIKING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR. However, we like to “hang-loose” and make changes if we get a more exciting idea or if the weather doesn't cooperate. Green stickers are available to put on your calendar as a reminder that **every second and fourth Thursday is reserved for really important adventures!** Join us for exercise, companionship, fun and good food.

2008 HIKES AND WALKS

- 25 September **BACK BY NOON HIKE** Promptly! at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos *Park and Ride* lot.
- 2 October **TRAIL CLEAN-UP** - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 9 October **SAN FRANCISCO BARBARY COAST TRAIL** - This will be a longer day. Meet promptly at Argonaut Shopping, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 23 October **BACK BY NOON HIKE.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 13 November **CHINA GRADE - BIG BASIN PARK** - a vigorous hike, great views. Meet promptly at Argonaut Shopping, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 28 November **BACK BY NOON HIKE -FRIDAY_-the day after Thanksgiving!** Meet 9:00 am in Saratoga by Longs
- 4 December **TRAIL CLEAN-UP** - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 11 December **HOLIDAY HIKE AND PARTY** – One of our favorite hikes – along the banks of Fall Creek under redwoods. We will lunch at the friendly Hallcrest Winery. Bring holiday “goodies” to share for lunch. Kay will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Meet promptly at 9:00am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot.
- P.S.** If the weather is *really poor*, we will party at Kay's at 11:30. Call Kay Duffy 867-0508.
- 26 December **BACK BY NOON HIKE – FRIDAY the day after Christmas.** *Walk off all that food!* Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs.

AAUW HIKES AND WALKS 2009

- 8 January *PLEASANTON RIDGE* – Greet the New Year with an invigorating hike in this park with spectacular views. Dress warmly. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 22 January *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs
- 29 January *TRAIL CLEAN-UP* - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 12 February *MONTEBELLO RIDGE TO BLACK MOUNTAIN.- VALENTINE HIKE*. Bring your lover or best friend. Not difficult. Wonderful views of the valley. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at *Argonaut Shopping*, Saratoga-way out front of Longs. Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 26 February *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs
- 12 March *HARVEY BEAR RANCH-COYOTE LAKE* - Climb up to the ridge with, we hope, lots of wildflowers. Bring your wildflower books. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 26 March *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs
- 2 April *TRAIL CLEAN-UP* - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 9 April *FORTINI TRAIL – SANTA TERESA PARK*. Great wildflowers! Climb to the ridge and loop down. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 23 April *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs
- 14 May *GUADALUPE RIVER PARK AND GARDENS*. We will take the Light Rail to downtown San Jose for a 6 mi hike along the river through San Jose. Visit the spectacular rose gardens. Bring \$1.50 (senior) for the light rail fare. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 28 May *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs
- 4 June *TRAIL CLEAN-UP* – Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 11 June *PORTOLA STATE PARK* – a vigorous hike in the cool redwoods. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at *Argonaut Shopping*, Saratoga-way out front of Longs. Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 25 June *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Promptly! at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot.
- 9 July *BEACH HIKE AND ANNUAL CLEAN-UP* near Watsonville. Bring gloves and bags. Reward ourselves with pie at Gzidich Ranch. Meet 9:00 am at *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 23 July *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Promptly! at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot.
- 30 July *TRAIL CLEAN-UP* - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*
- 13 August *LOUGHRY WOODS TRAIL* - Skyline/ Castle Rock loop trail. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at *Argonaut Shopping*, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 27 August *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Promptly! at 9:00am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot.
- 10 September *CANADA DEL ORO OPEN SPACE PRESERVE* – Explore the new trail – not difficult – in this lovely park south of Almaden. Meet promptly at 9:00am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot. Questions? Call Jane Bishop 356-7796 or Kay Duffy 867-0508.
- 24 September *BACK BY NOON HIKE* Promptly! at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride* lot.
- 1 October *TRAIL CLEAN-UP* - Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*

Committee on Homeless Women and Children

This month we would like to introduce our officers.

Sumi Tanabe is chairing the committee for yet another year; assisting her will be **Nancy Anderson**. **Marlene Lamb** will continue as recording secretary as she has for what must be 20 years. As she takes the notes, knits at the same time, and handles all our correspondence, she gives a new meaning to "multi-tasking"!

Handling our funds will be **Melva Vollerson**, once again, and **JoAn Lambert** will continue to liaison with InnVision and the Georgia Travis Center. Reporting to us about the events and the needs at the Family Supportive Housing (formerly The San Jose Living Shelter) is **Nancy Christensen**, while **Patty Weber** will keep us informed about the Housing Coalition.

Judy Zaccone will find interesting speakers for our meetings as **Vicki Feigelson** contacts the members to take their turn at bringing refreshments.

September activities include the beginning plans for our March 14 English Tea, as well as three members preparing and taking lunch to the ladies at the Georgia Travis Center (GTC). In keeping with the September 16th date, Mexico's Independence Day, **Suzanha Palmer**, **Melva Vollerson** and **Nancy Anderson** will take enchiladas and all the trimmings. Although a lunch is provided each day at GTC, the women are delighted to have us bring them something different to eat, but even more, they truly appreciate our attention and commitment to them. We receive the reward of their thanks and knowing that we have provided a small bright spot in their otherwise troubled lives. Our Committee invites any AAUW member to join us. Please contact **Nancy Anderson** for information. 867-4383, Dander2567@aol.com.

Gift for Teens

The holidays are approaching rapidly! Now is the time to start gathering items to give for our Gift for Teens totes and gym bags. What is Gifts for Teens? A holiday project which gifts totes and sports bags full of fun, serviceable items to low-income youths through the Bill Wilson Center, Sacred Heart Community Service and Emergency Housing Consortium LifeBuilders, all non-profit social service agencies. We are hoping to fill 1400 bags this year! What do we need?

- Cash – We can always use cash so we can buy in bulk volume. Tax-deductible checks should be written to ISPF-AAUW with a notation that it is for Gift for Teens. Any amount is welcome. Send to Janet Fant, Treasurer, 6001 Burchell Court, San Jose, CA 95120.
- Corporation surplus items – Have you a connection with a company that has gone out of business or has a surplus of items? We can use hats, shirts, water bottles – anything like that! Logos are OK - unfortunately we cannot accept blue or red items because those are gang colors.
- Jewelry that is teen appropriate – dangly earrings, bracelets, ankle trinkets, toe rings, etc.
- Knitted items such as hats and scarves

This year we would like to give PJ's as part of the girls tote, so could use your generous gift of some PJ's. Large or Extra Large is preferred, but Mediums are certainly welcomed. Donations can be left at HQ, 1165 Minnesota Ave, in the parlor. Please clearly mark your container with "Gifts for Teens". More questions? Contact Elaine Benoit at ebenoit@pacbell.net or (408) 268-9654. Rita Skillman

Candidates Forums

OCTOBER 9 – Thursday – Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District Candidates Forum

7:00 pm – Los Gatos High School Library
Candidates: Lorie Wernick, Rosemary Rossi, Robert Zager
Co-sponsors: League, AAUW, Los Gatos High Home & School Club, Los Gatos CoC
Moderator: Patty Weber, League Past President

OCTOBER 20 – Monday – Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District Candidates Forum

7:00 pm – Saratoga High School Library
Candidates: Lorie Wernick, Rosemary Rossi, Robert Zager
Co-sponsors: League, AAUW, Saratoga High PTSA
Moderator: Margaret Bard, League member, AAUW President

OCTOBER 22 – Wednesday – Campbell Union High School District Candidates Forum

7:00 pm – Westmont High School Career Center, Campbell
Candidates:
Philip Reynolds, Diane Gordon, Lizandro Carrasco, Dale Barr, Rick Costanzo
Co-sponsors, League, Westmont High PTSA, American Association of Univ Women
Moderator: Nancy Hobbs, LWV member & past Monte Sereno Council member

OCTOBER 16 - Thursday - PROS & CONS ON STATE & COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES for Nov 4-08 Election

7:00 pm - Saratoga Library Community Room
Co-sponsors: League and AAUW

October 2008 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Thursday Trail Clean-up, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride.
- 3 Friday Travel, 7:30 pm** at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. “Bali and Komodo Dragons” In this presentation by photographer Ken Bloomfield, we will enjoy the beauty of the South Pacific, plus visit the fearsome Komodo Dragons. Add to this a bit of underwater photography. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Margaret McCartney, 741-0652.
- 4 Saturday Branch Meeting, 2 to 4 pm** at the Saratoga Library. Hear Roberta Lynch speak on the Impact of Immigration on Education (See front cover.).
- 6 Monday Board Meeting, 3:30 pm**, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Wednesday Let’s Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Willow Street, 20 S. Santa Cruz, Los Gatos. Hostess: Selma Opie, 358-6962. Chair: Jean Power at 356-5122. Visitors and guests are welcome.
- 9 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Argonaut Shopping, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. San Francisco Barbary Coast Trail. This will be a longer day. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 14 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Any one who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 14 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women and Children, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Guest speaker, Julia Burkhead, InnVision Program manager. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191
- 15 Wednesday Independent Women, 1:00-3:00 pm** at the home of Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos. Topic: Personal Security presented by the Los Gatos Police Department. For information, call Joan at 356-6016, or Barbara Hawkes at 395-4397, or Sarah Model at 354-7819.
- 17 Friday AM Book Review at 9:30 am**, at the home of Bernice Giansiracusa, 15166 Piedmont, Saratoga. RSVP to Bernice, 867-1006. For information: Call Margo at Restrict at 741-5087 margrest@gmail.com, or Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394, oggerinobarb@aol.com.
- 21 Tuesday PM Book Review, 7:30 pm** Saratoga Retirement Center, RSVP to Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Book: “Distant Lands of our Father” by Bo Caldwell. Reviewer: Marilyn Lenormand. For information call - Co- chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb 356-8441
- 28 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Any one who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 23 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at the Los Gatos *Park and Ride* lot.
- 28 Tuesday Film Buffs Pot Luck, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the home Lita Askanas, 13460 Saraview Dr, Saratoga. RSVP to Lita, 867-2543. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Invites all interested women to our....

Open House

October 9, 2008, in Los Gatos & October 20, 2008, in Saratoga

Join a strong network of educated women who make a difference in the lives of girls and women in our communities, who Continue to learn and grow while they enjoy new friendships and networking opportunities.

In addition to learning more about AAUW, come hear about our International Projects

- The Great Decisions Foreign Policy Course
- Homeless Women Project
- Technology for Young Girls
- Literature Book Groups
- International Gourmet & Travel



Please stop by for dessert and coffee

From 6:00 TO 8:00 pm

Experience the enthusiastic welcome of **our** members!

(Membership in AAUW requires an AA, Baccalaureate or Advanced degree from an accredited college or university)

More information at www.aauw-lgs.org and www.aauw.org

RSVP by October 1st to Lydia Norcia at

Splendido2008@aol.com or call Barbara Oggerino at 408-354-5394

DOCENTS NEEDED FOR THE MUSEUMS OF LOS GATOS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR, November 1 & 2, 2008 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information: <http://www.losgatosmuseum.org/Volunteer/volunteer.html>

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BE AN ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE TRAVELER!

Join the LOS GATOS-SARATOGA AAUW TRAVEL SECTION'S 2008-2009 Travel Series of Exciting Trips Around the World!

- October 8, 2008** ***“BALI AND KOMODO DRAGONS”***—Perhaps this presentation by photographer Ken Bloomfield could more appropriately be called “Beauty and the Beasts”. At any rate, we will get to enjoy the beauty of the South Pacific, plus visit the fearsome Komodo Dragons. Add to this a bit of underwater photography, and this is not your usual vacation!
- November 7, 2008** ***“THE SWEDEN I KNOW”***—Join Photographer Gordon Jalkemo as he takes us on a tour of his favorite parts in the land where he grew up. We will visit not only the usual places we see as vacationers, but will travel with Gordon to those hidden spots known only to those who live there. We will also get a chance to visit near-by Norway and see for ourselves the similarities - and the differences.
- January 9, 2009** ***“DOWN THE COLORADO—PAINTING AS WE GO-”***—Join well-known local artist Kay Duffy as she and a group of fellow artists go river-rafting down the Colorado River and then spend their free time on the banks painting when they stop, as they try to capture the wild beauty of the river and the canyon walls. Some work in oils, some with watercolors and others with acrylics. Kay will have a few of her works on display that night so that you can share what she saw.
- February 6, 2009** ***“MEXICO-UP THE MOUNTAINS AND DOWN AGAIN”***— Presented by photographer Betty Toepfer who had the opportunity this past year for a home-stay in the small mountain village of Tetoztlan in the State of Morale north of Mexico City while studying at a local language school. Join Betty as she and her landlady visit a number of markets in small villages, going up and down the mountains traveling here and there in some very unique busses. Travel with them also as they visit the historic archeological sites at the pyramids at Xochicalco and the silver mines at Taxco.
- March 6, 2009** ***“IRELAND-GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL”***—Join Pat Khan as she travels through the southern parts of the country, visiting Dublin, Galway and many other historic areas, enjoying the food and the people. Visit local art festivals, and watch Pat get lowered to kiss the Blarney Stone!
- April 3, 2009** ***“ON SAFARI IN BOTSWANA & SOUTH AFRICA”***—Travel with photographer Uwe Schmalenbach and his wife as they visit beautiful Victoria Falls and then head into animal-rich Chobe Park in Botswana. From there, see the unique Okavangu Delta, which has water only half a year. Uwe takes us then on a flight into South Africa where we visit with him three private game reserves near Krueger National Park where animals abound. This will be your ultimate Africa fix!!
- May 1, 2009** ***“A VISIT TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK”***—Join JoAn Lambert as she explores one of the most beautiful parks in the northwest. Drive the Road to the Sun and see the snow-capped mountains, visit the beautiful glacier-fed lakes and see the many glaciers that the park is known for. Watch the Big Horn Sheep square off against each other and the mountain goats tripping along the rocks. Finish up with a quick trip to the Palouse area of eastern Washington.

WHEN & WHERE: First Friday Nights at 7:30 p.m. (Excl. December) in the Main Hall of The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME!

Chair: JoAn Lambert-867-6237

Co-Chairs: Pat Khan-741-1616 & Margaret McCartney-741-0652